

## Washington State Estimated Land Use Statistics

		Cropland	Pastureland	Rangeland	Forestland	Other Rural Lands	Urban and Rural Transportation Lands	Streams and Other Surface Water	Federal Ownership	Conservation Reserve Land	Totals
1982	Estimated	7,793,300	1,301,900	5,979,800	13,097,300	889,800	1,537,200	1,538,100	11,897,900	0	44,035,300
1982	Error *	195,000	75,700	279,700	272,900	64,400	71,900	10,800	3,300	0	363,700
1987	Estimated	7,295,400	1,335,300	5,958,500	13,025,300	894,800	1,613,700	1,539,100	11,917,900	455,300	44,035,300
1987	Error *	193,900	76,200	279,700	272,300	65,800	73,200	10,700	3,300	300	363,700
1992	Estimated	6,744,800	1,303,200	5,859,500	12,924,400	902,600	1,824,200	1,538,800	11,921,900	1,015,900	44,035,300
1992	Error *	191,100	74,100	276,100	271,100	65,800	83,500	10,600	3,300	2,100	363,700
1997	Estimated	6,656,100	1,193,200	5,856,900	12,834,500	950,700	2,065,000	1,538,700	11,923,400	1,016,800	44,035,300
1997	Error *	194,200	64,700	274,000	269,800	66,100	89,000	10,700	3,000	1,800	363,700

Estimates may not total because of rounding.

\* The error referred to in the table is the standard error of the estimate.

(To obtain the margin of error at the 95% confidence limit multiply the error by 1.96.)

### Geographic Area: Washington State

The most noticeable and dramatic land use change in Washington is the increase in urban development. Most of the development has come at the expense of forestland in western Washington and cropland in eastern Washington. Small "ranchettes" are also increasing in the rural areas and this will lead to impacts on the abilities of counties to provide services. Fragmentation of the rural land base will make it more difficult for traditional forestry and agricultural enterprises to grow and harvest their crops.

